GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA

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FOODGRAIN STOCK
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the country has surplus foodgrain stock;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Union Government have decided to provide free foodgrains to implement Mid-daymeal Scheme in Government Schools;

(d) if so, whether the Karnataka Government has sought free foodgrains to its Mid-Day Meal Scheme

(e) if so, the quantity of free foodgrains sought for by the State Government; and

(f) the number of Students likely to be benefited by this scheme in the State?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI SUBHASH MAHARIA)

(a)&(b) : The stock of foodgrains in the Central Pool as on 1.1.2003 is 482.02 lakh tonnes, which is above the buffer norms.

(c),(d),(e)&(f) : Under the NP-NSPE (popularly known as Mid-Day Meal Scheme), the Central Government provides foodgrains free of cost to all States. 56.22 lakh children are covered under the scheme during 2002-03 in Karnataka.